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SUBJ: VISIT OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE SCHLESINGER TO JAPAN

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1. TIME IS GROWING SHORT FOR PREPARATIONS FOR SECDEF VISIT AND COORDINATION ON JAPANESE GOVERNMENT SIDE HERE HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY CONFUSED. FONOFF SECURITY DIVISION HAS FINALLY PICKED UP BALL AS OVERALL TRIP COORDINATOR FOR GOJ. EMBOFF MET AUGUST 19 WITH BOTH JDA AND FONOFF SECURITY DIVISION TO ATTEMPT NAIL DOWN REMAINING LOOSE ENDS SO PLANNING CAN PROCEED. DETAILS OF THOSE CONVERSATIONS FOLLOW WITH LISTING OF WHAT EMBASSY NEEDS FROM WASHINGTON ADDRESSES IN ORDER TO GET PLANNING ON ORDERLY TRACK.

2. FONOFF INFORMED US THAT OWING TO CABINET MEETING MORNING AUGUST 29 TIME FOR SECDEF TO MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM 10:40-11:20 TO 11:00-11:30 A.M. SECRETARY SCHLESINGER WILL THEN PROCEED TO IIKURA HOUSE FOR MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA FROM 11:45-12:30 AFTER WHICH SMALL WORKING LUNCHEON UNTIL 1400 WILL BE HOSTED BY FONMIN, ALSO AT IIKURA HOUSE. SECDEF WILL PROCEED TO JDA, ARRIVING AT 1415, ATTEND A FIVE-MINUTE HONORS CEREMONY AND
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MEET WITH SAKATA FROM 1420-1620.

3. ACCORDING YAMASHITA, GOJ IS PLANNING NOW TO HAVE ONLY PRIME MINISTER MIKI, AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRGEN YAMAZAKI AND INTERPRETER PRESENT AT SCHLESINGER-MIKI MEETING. INTERPRETER MAY DROP OUT OF MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER, LEAVING ONLY MIYAZAWA AND YAMAZAKI FOR THAT SESSION. GOJ ALSO PLANNING ON NO MORE THAN TEN PARTICIPANTS FROM U.S. SIDE FOR SMALL STAG LUNCHEON TO BE GIVEN BY FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA AND SECRETARY SCHLESINGER FOLLOWING THEIR TALKS AT IIKURA HOUSE. FOR MEETING WITH JDA MINISTER SAKATA AT JDA, GOJ IS PLANNING HAVE ONLY FIVE MEN (NOT COUNTING INTERPRETER) PRESENT. THEY WILL BE: MINISTER SAKATA, VICE MINISTER KUBO, DEFENSE BUREAU DIRECTOR GENERAL MARUYAMA, FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCILOR YAMATO AND JSO CHAIRMAN GENERAL SHIRAKAWA. WE ARE CONVEYING TO FONOFF SECDEF DESIRES FOR US SIDE PARTICIPATION AS OUTLINED REFTEL.

4. SAKATA IS PLANNING TO MEET JAPANESE PRESS IMMEDIATELY AFTER MEETING WITH SECDEF AND GOJ ASSUMES SECDEF WILL ALSO MEET SEPARATELY WITH PRESS. GOJ DOES NOT REQUIRE THESE CONFERENCES TO BE STAGGERED TO PERMIT SAME CORRESPONDENTS TO ATTEND BOTH. GOJ DOES NOT WISH TO MAKE A PRESS RELEASE OR JOINT STATEMENT AFTER THE MEETING AND WOULD PREFER NOT TO HAVE JOINT SAKATA-SCHLESINGER PRESS CONFERENCE. FONOFF WONDERING WHETHER SECDEF PLANS ADDITIONAL (IN ADDITION TO AUGUST 29 PRESS CONFERENCE) DEPARTURE MEETING WITH PRESS AS FONOFF IS APPARENTLY UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE FROM PRESS HERE.

5. GOJ IS WONDERING ABOUT SIDE TALKS FOR SENIOR MEMBERS OF PARTY WITH SENIOR NON-CABINET GOJ OFFICIALS. WE UNDERSTAND ABRAMOWITZ MAY WISH SEE UTSUMI OF NDC SECRETARIAT BUT WONDER WHETHER ZURHELEN OR JORDAN WILL WISH MEET WITH JDA VICE MINISTER KUBO OR SENIOR FONOFF OFFICIALS. JDA OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO MEET MORNING OF 30TH. WE WILL NEED EARLY RESPONSE ON THIS IN ORDER TO FIT SUCH MEETINGS AROUND WHAT PROMISES TO BE RATHER FULL SCHEDULE FOR SECDEF PARTY.

6. ASSESSMENT OF SECURITY PROBLEM: VIOLENCE-PRONE RADICALS HAVE BECOME MORE ACTIVE IN JAPAN DURING LAST SIX MONTHS. POSSIBILITY OF SECURITY RELATED INCIDENT DURING SECDEF VISIT SOMEWHAT GREATER AS A RESULT OF THIS INCREASED ACTIVITY. HIGH-LEVEL MILITARY NATURE OF VISIT AND WIDE MEDIA INTEREST ALSO MAKE MORE LIKELY RADICAL ATTEMPT TO MAR VISIT BY SOME KIND OF INCIDENT. JAPANESE POLICE ARE EXPECTED
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TO BE HYPER-CAUTIOUS IN THEIR SECURITY TREATMENT OF VISIT AND ARE LIABLE TO ATTEMPT TO BLANKET SECDEF'S MOVEMENTS WITH ELABORATE SECURITY PRECAUTIONS. IT WILL BE BOTH DIFFICULT AND UNWISE FOR USG TO INTERFERE WITH JAPANESE NATIONAL POLICE IN ATTEMPT TO LIMIT THEIR SECURITY PRECAUTIONS. ADDITIONAL COMPLICATION OF SECURITY PICTURE IS URGENT POLICE NEED FOR FINAL SCHEDULE AND LIST OF SECDEF PARTY IN ORDER TO MOVE AHEAD WITH METICULOUS AND THOROUGH PLANNING. POLICE WILL GIVE TO PROBLEM OF SECDEF'S PARTY'S PERSONAL SECURITY. DETAILED

FINAL LIST OF PARTY IS ALSO NEEDED FOR ADVANCE COORDINATION OF HANEDA CIQ PROCEDURES. FACT THAT WE DO NOT YET KNOW WHETHER OR NOT WIVES ARE COMING IS BECOMING SIGNIFICANT OBSTACLE IN CARRYING FORWARD PLANNING FOR VISIT.

7. WE HAVE SOUNDED OUT JDA ON QUESTION OF SAKATA'S REACTION TO POSSIBILITY SECDEF MEETING WITH FORMER JDA MINISTER YAMANAKA AND HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT SAKATA HAS NO PROBLEM WITH SUCH A MEETING. YAMANAKA WILL NOT, HOWEVER, BE INCLUDED IN ANY OF GOJ SOCIAL FUNCTIONS SCHEDULED FOR SECDEF PARTY, APPARENTLY BECAUSE IT WOULD CREATE SOME AWKWARDNESS FOR JAPANESE. JDA INSTEAD SUGGESTS THAT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR SECDEF TO MEET YAMANAKA EVENING OF AUGUST 28 OR FOLLOWING PRESS CONFERENCE ON AUGUST 29.

8. BECAUSE OF RAPIDLY APPROACHING DEADLINES FOR GETTING SUCCESSFUL COORDINATION GOING WITH GOJ, EMBASSY NEEDS TO KNOW:

- A) IS GOJ REVISED SCHEDULE ACCEPTABLE.
- B) DOES SECDEF PLAN A DEPARTURE MEETING WITH THE PRESS.
- C) WHAT "SIDE" MEETINGS BY OTHER MEMBERS OF PARTY ARE DESIRED.
- D) FINAL LIST OF PARTY WITH PASSPORT TYPES AND NUMBERS.
- E) RESPONSE ON YAMANAKA MEETING PROPOSAL WITH PROPOSED TIME AND PLACE.

RESPONSES SHOULD BE SENT BY ORDINARY COMMUNICATIONS CHANNELS (CLASSIFIED SPECATE EXCLUSIVE OR EXDIS ONLY WHERE NECESSARY). SPINCOM MESSAGES MUST BE HAND-CARRIED FROM YOKOTA AIRBASE TO EMBASSY IN DOWNTOWN TOKYO, VASTLY COMPLICATING AND DELAYING COORDINATION PROCESS.

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